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Appln. No.: 09/830,750

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING PROGRAM
INFORMATION, COMMUNICATING SYSTEM,
METHOD OF TRANSMITTING PROGRAM
INFORMATION, METHOD OF INSTRUCTING
PROGRAM RECORDING OPERATION, AND
METHOD OF INSTRUCTING PROGRAM
PURCHASING OPERATION

Examiner: GANTT, Alan T.

Art Unit: 2684

Attorney Docket No: 9683/77

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Copy of Japanese Office Action, Form PTO-1449, 12 Cited References (D3-14)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	NAME
6,347,400 B1	02/12/2002	Ohkura et al.
5,416,508	05/16/1995	Sakuma et al.

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H10-276161	10/13/1998	Japan
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H09-051520	02/18/1997	Japan
H08-149447	06/07/1996	Japan
H09-205636	08/05/1997	Japan
H09-051314	02/18/1997	Japan
H10-126759	05/15/1998	Japan
H05-115063	05/07/1993	Japan
H10-117337	05/06/1998	Japan

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
"Successful Mobile Information Devices. Recent Increases in the Use of Mail", <i>NIKKEI ELECTRONICS</i> , Vol.737, February 22, 1999, pp.160-163
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References D3-D14 were cited in an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action is attached to this Statement. References D3-14 are in Japanese. Applicants are submitting an English abstract for each of references D3-8 and D11. Also for each of references D4-8 and D12-14, Applicants are submitting a concise explanation of relevant part thereof. For references D9 and D10, Applicants are submitting U.S. Patent Nos. 6,347,400 and 5,416,508, respectively, which are the U.S. counterparts of the references.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is

not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

The Japanese Office Action was issued on October 12, 2004. For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that no item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

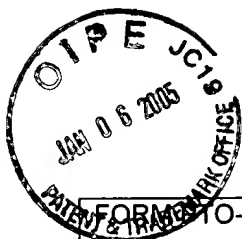
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	D7	H09-205636	08/05/1997	Japan		Abstract
	D8	H09-051314	02/18/1997	Japan		Abstract
	D9	H10-126759	05/15/1998	Japan		Yes US6,347,400
	D10	H05-115063	05/07/1993	Japan		Yes US5,416,508
	D11	H10-117337	05/06/1998	Japan		Abstract
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